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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 05-26-2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendment is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c) as in the claim listing, the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following identifiers in a parenthetical expression: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), and (Not entered). Specifically, the status of claim 26 has not been indicated in the claim listing.
2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
3. Upon correcting the above deficiency, the applicant is advised the reply filed 05-26-2004 after the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences would not be entered because prosecution is closed and the proposed claim(s) raise new issues which require further consideration or search (37 CFR 1.116(c)). See also 37 CFR 1.198. Specifically, new claims 48-58 would require further consideration and/or search.

Conclusion

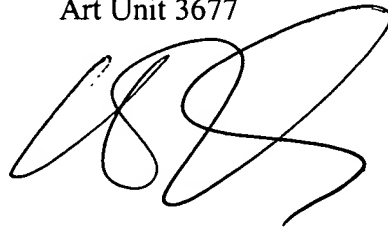
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William L. Miller whose telephone number is 703 305 3978. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on 703 306 4115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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